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City joins nation in mega cleanliness drive

Residents, officials come together for 'Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath'

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (MTY,GA&BCT)- Following the call of action for an hour of cleanliness drive from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the nation came together as one united force this morning to change the country's sanitation landscape. Mysuru also joined the bandwagon of the '*Swachhata Shramdaan*' under '*Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath*' cleanliness drive at 10 am. It is a significant initiative aimed at celebrating the 9th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission and the campaign was launched as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) programme.

(See CLEANLINESS DRIVE on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 1st October 2023

Brain Bytes Quiz winners

Mysuru, Oct. 1- B. Samarth and Pratham Adithya Mohan, 2nd PUC students of Jnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram, have bagged the first prize in 'Brain Bytes-2023', Quiz Competition for PU students, conducted by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru campus recently.

They received a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a trophy from Amrita Correspondent Brahmachari Mukthidamrutha Chaitanya and Academic Co-ordinator Dr. Rekha Bhat recently.

Second prize was bagged by C. Nayana and T. Tarun of Sadvidya Semi Residential PU College, Mysuru, while third prize went to R. Karthik Ram and M.K. Keshava Datta of Sri Sharada Public School, Mysuru.

More than 220 teams from all over the District had participated in this competition.

Jnanodaya College has won the first prize in this competition for the third consecutive time. The same team was also qualified for the 2nd round in 'G20 THINQ', a national level quiz conducted by Indian Navy.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Jainism and all other religions share a common goal — the welfare of the self, human beings and all living creatures. At its core, Jainism emphasises non-violence, non-attachment and forgiveness. This ancient faith operates on the scientific principle of karma, where individuals are their own creators and do not subscribe to the authority of a god. A daily practice among Jain followers involves seeking forgiveness from all living beings through a ritual known as Pratikraman.

One of the most significant festivals in Jainism is Paryushan, also known as Dashalakshana Dharma. Celebrated with devotion during the month of Bhadrapada, this festival centres on ten fundamental virtues: Uttam Kshama, forgiveness; Uttam Mardava, humility; Uttam Arjava, honesty; Uttam Shaucha, cleanliness; Uttam Truth, truthfulness; Uttam Restraint, self-control; Uttam Tapa, austerity; Uttam Tyag, renunciation; Uttam Akinchan, non-possessiveness; and Uttam Brahmacharya, celibacy.

During Paryushan, Jainism encourages followers to reflect on their conduct in the light of these fundamental virtues. Paryushan concludes with a special festival known as Kshamavani on Ashwin Krishna Ekam. Also known as Forgiveness Day, on this day, Jain followers, without any hesitation, seek forgiveness from one another for known and unknown mistakes. It is a festival of spiritual reform, symbolising the power of forgiveness in mind, words and deeds.

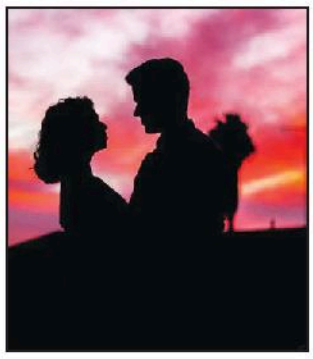
Dashalakshana Dharma begins with Uttam Kshama Dharma and concludes few days later with Kshamavani. It is said that just by practising forgiveness, all the virtues start assimilating in you, automatically. On the day of Uttam Kshama Dharma, we do self-study and try to work on simplicity, purity and detachment, and on Kshamavani, remove the impurity of the mind and practise forgiveness.

Kshamavani is a unique festival that provides an opportunity to reflect on the harm caused knowingly or unknowingly to others and facilitates the resolution of ongoing enmities and grudges. Atonement for past mistakes and a commitment to avoid future transgressions contribute to personal development. This festival stands as an exceptional example in the history of celebrations, as it focuses on inner purification and healing.

—Bhag Chand Jain Mitrapura in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Married couple never lived in same home



Tokyo: Japanese couple Hiromi and Hidekazu Takeda have been married for many years and even have a child together, but they live an hour apart from each other and have never shared a home.

'Separation marriages', aka weekend marriages or living apart together (LAT), have reportedly become very popular in Japan, because they allow couples to experience the best of both worlds - on one hand, they enjoy each other's love and support, but they also get to maintain an individual lifestyle without worrying about their partner. Basically, a separation marriage allows couples to experience the combined benefits of being married and being single, but it is important that the relationship be based on mutual love and respect.

Man fakes his kidnap to hide from girlfriend

Wollongong: An Australian man reportedly made his girlfriend believe that he had been kidnapped so he could spend New Year's Eve with his mistress.

35-year-old Paul Iera narrowly avoided jail time after he admitted before a judge that he had concocted an elaborate lie to hide his infidelity from his girlfriend, wasting tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars in the process. On Dec. 31 last year, the Australian man from Wollongong called his girlfriend to tell her that he was meeting his "finance guy," when in reality he was going to see his mistress. At one point, in order to buy themselves some time, the couple messaged Iera's girlfriend again, this time pretending to be a kidnapper who promised to deliver him safe and sound the next day.

HEALTH CAPSULE

MYTH - Breastfeeding milk may not be enough to keep the baby well-fed.
FACT - Common misconception. Breastfeeding works on theory of Demand = Supply. The more the baby latches on the breast and sucks effectively, the more milk the mother will produce.

By Vinutha S - Lactation Counsellor
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Snake Shyam inaugurates free Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive

Mysuru, Oct. 1- On account of World Rabies Day and in its continued effort to make Mysuru rabies-free, a day-long free Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive was organised by Shree Pet Clinic and Pet Grooming Spa in city on Sept. 28.

The Drive was inaugurated by animal-lover and former Corporator Snake Shyam, himself a snake-catcher and rescuer.

More than 200 dogs and cats were vaccinated against rabies at the camp. Dr. H.V. Deepak and Dr. Vikas took part in the camp.

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Today's Outflow **2,179 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,400 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Everest's climate is one of the harshest in the world.*
- *There is a "2 O'clock Rule" when climbing Mount Everest.*
- *An average Everest climber needs 35 hours of bottled oxygen.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher to student: *"Tell me the difference between Window 95 and Windows 98?"*
Student: *"The difference is only three years"!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.04
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.28
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.61
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.91

VOICE OF THE READER

Unjust denial of access to Maharaja Mantap at Lingambudhi Lake

A scenery from the Mantap and growth of vegetation.

Sir,

I hasten (because of fast approaching Dasara) to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned the unjust denial of access to the Maharaja Mantap of 1828 AD construction located on the tank bund road of Lingambudhi Lake.

This lake is attracting thousands of visitors daily for morning and evening walk as well as tourists from local and abroad. The yet unopened Botanical Garden is another attraction.

The access to the Mantap which provides a beautiful scenery of vast placid water of the lake and a calm and quiet place to dangle one's feet in the water during morning and evening walk is permanently closed without any valid reason.

For many years, this was the place for small household Ganesha idol immersion after the festival. The Mantap has beautiful paintings on its walls and pillars. It is an ideal place for Dasara tourists also to click beautiful pictures with birds and flora around.

With Ganesha Chaturthi over and Dasara fast approaching, I appeal to the authorities to remove the obstacles to allow access and also take steps to maintain the place for public use.

It is also to be noted that in the absence of regular upkeep and visitors' vigil, this heritage Mantap is going to wither and fall by growth of vegetation which has already set in and covered the walls and sills of windows.

I hope that concerned citizens and officials of MCC and Forest Department immediately intervene and clear the vegetation as well as keep the place in good condition for tourists to enjoy.

—B.S. Shankara

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Archaeology Department comes up with Heritage Talk, Heritage Walk

Heritage Talk – Last Saturday of every month; Heritage Walk – First Saturday

Former Dean and Head of Department of History and Archaeology at the University of Mysore Prof. S. Krishnamurthy watering a sapling at 'Heritage Talk' held in city last evening as Deputy Director of the Department of Archaeology, Museums & Heritage C.N. Manjula and Prof. Shelvapillai Iyengar of Karnataka State Open University and others look on.

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (RK&BCT)- The Heritage Walk is a regular event held on the first Saturday of every month, while the Heritage Talk takes place on the last Saturday of each month.

This initiative is spearheaded by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, which aims to rejuvenate the concepts of Heritage Walk and Heritage Talk, with the goal of immersing participants in the city's rich history and cultural heritage.

The inaugural Heritage Walk took place in the city on Aug. 5, led by Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, a retired Professor from the Department of Studies in Ancient History and Archaeology at the University of Mysore. He provided insights into heritage structures through a public address system. The next Heritage Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7.

A Heritage Talk was conducted yesterday at the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage at Karnataka Exhibition Grounds.

Professor S. Krishnamurthy, the former dean and head of the Department of History and Archaeology at the University of Mysore, shared his insights into the excavations at Talakad.

During the same event, Professor Shelvapillai Iyengar of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) discussed the archaeological significance, history and heritage of Melukote. The event was attended by Department of Archaeology, Museums, and Heritage Deputy Director C.N. Manjula as well as students from various colleges.

In his lecture, Professor Krishnamurthy highlighted that Talakad, situated along the banks of the Cauvery River, stands as an intriguing archaeological site with a history spanning over a millennium. It served as the capital of the Western Ganga kingdom from the 4th to the 10th centuries CE and maintained its significance as a hub of trade and culture for centuries, even during the era of the Wadiyars.

The enigma of the vast sand dunes that now cover much of Talakad has long captivated the curiosity of archaeologists and historians. Excavations in Talakad have not only extended the region's historical timeline by several centuries but have also provided scientific evidence for formation of these sand dunes, Prof. Krishnamurthy added.

"These excavations have revealed traces of culture and human habitation dating back to the Neolithic Age, approximately around 2000 BCE. Geological studies have provided compelling evidence that the sand dunes did not exist before the 1750s but were a result of natural geological processes. Subsequently, the sand dunes were cleared, and the temples buried by sand were rediscovered and meticulously restored," he said.

Prof. Krishnamurthy also noted that the discovery of Buddhist relics and a Parsvanatha idol in Talakad suggests the coexistence of Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism in the region during the rule of the Gangas.

City Police Chief tees off

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth teeing off to inaugurate the 21st Edition of The Engineers' Cup Golf Tournament-2023 at J.W. Golf Club yesterday. The tournament was sponsored by JWGC Engineers' Golfing Association, Mysuru.

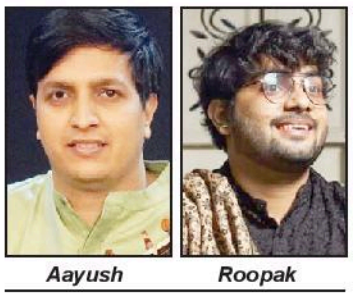
Ninaada Griha Sangeet: Sitar recital on Oct. 7

Mysuru, Oct. 1- As part of its 9th monthly concert series titled 'Ninaada Griha Sangeet,' Ranjani Memorial Trust, Mysuru, has organised a sitar recital by **Aayush Moroney** at #37, 'Ninaada', Rishabh Siddhi Layout, Kergalli, on Oct. 7 at 6 pm.

Profile

Born in a family of rich musical traditional, Aayush Moroney's grandfather Pt. Gopal Moroney was a famous vocalist of Gwalior Gharana.

Aayush started taking Hindustani Classical Sitar lessons at an early age from his father, renowned sitar player Pt. Arun Moroney, who himself is a disciple of renowned Dhrupadist Ustad Zia Fariddudin Dagar and



Aayush *Roopak*

Doyen of Imdadkhani Gharana Acharya Pt. Bhimlendu Mukherji.

An 'A' grade artiste of All India Radio (AIR) and also the recipient of Silver Medal in AIR Music Competition, Aayush has performed in many prestigious conferences. He has received Masters of Technology Degree from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and currently works at Amazon India as a Machine Learning Scientist.

Aayush will be accompanied on tabla by Roopak Kallurkar of Bengaluru, a very talented and much sought-after tabla player of younger generation.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Health talk for elders on Oct. 2

As part of its monthly series on Health Talk, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has organised a lecture cum interaction on 'Simple healthy habits for Happy Living" by Dr. C. Suresh Babu on Monday (Oct. 2) at 5 pm at its Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan, Hospital Road, near Dharmasthala Manjunatha Kalyana Mantapa, Jayalakshmipuram. Dr. Suresh Babu has more than 30 years of practical experience in health care pharma, Diagnostics, preventive health & wellness coaching and knowledge of wellness products, particularly for senior citizens, according to K.S. Krishna, Secretary, Elder Citizens Council [Mob:99804-12406].

Ph.D awardees

P. Manjunath has been awarded Ph.D in Genetics by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Effect of Alloxan-Induced Oxidative Stress on Glucose Metabolism, Cuticular Hydrocarbon Profile and gut Microbial Diversity in Drosophila Melanogaster' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.S. Krishna.

B.K. Puneeth has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for his thesis 'Problems and Prospects of Goods and Services Tax in Karnataka - A perceptual Analysis of Dealers' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H. Rajashekar.

Neelakanta has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for his thesis 'Marketing Strategies of Social Enterprises: A Study with Reference to Health Care Sector in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.C. Honnappa.

Obituary

N.T. Lakshmamma

Mysuru, Oct. 1- N.T. Lakshmamma (62), retired senior staff of K.R. Hospital and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away on Sept. 27 in city.

She leaves behind her husband A. Jayashankar, daughter J. Pooja and a host of relatives and friends, according to family sources.

Chamaraja MLA to have advisors on local issues

K. Harishgowda commits to addressing specific problems, promoting civic engagement

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (SPN&BCT)- In a dynamic and candid interaction with members of the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda engaged with concerned citizens on a range of local issues, fostering open dialogue and collaboration recently.

The highlight of the meeting was Harishgowda's announcement that he plans to establish an advisory committee consisting of approximately 15 experts who will provide advice on various subjects. Recognising that no one can be an expert on every matter, he stressed the importance of seeking diverse expertise. This initiative received unanimous support.

The meeting covered various topics, offering valuable insights into the legislator's stance and the challenges encountered in addressing community concerns. The discussion began with a focus on park encroachments throughout the city, revealing that the MLA was not fully acquainted with the provisions of the Park Act, leading to an insightful exchange.

Participants highlighted key points of the Act, notably that no construction can occur in parks smaller than two hectares. For larger parks, only a limited area (30 square metres) can be allocated for security guards or park equipment storage and not for any other purpose.

The MLA expressed his commitment to preventing future park encroachments, though he acknowledged the difficulties in addressing existing encroachments due to potential voter backlash. Some participants argued that upholding the rule of law could yield more votes in the long run.

Funding for park maintenance

Emphasising the importance of parks in the city, Harishgowda mentioned that out of over 1,200 parks in Mysuru, only 300 have seen significant development. He acknowledged the challenges faced by many parks due to lack of maintenance.

Concerns were raised about the lack of funds for park maintenance and beautification by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). The discussion highlighted the willingness of some individuals to adopt parks and the need for more MCC support in this regard. Harishgowda assured that he would advocate for increased support from the MCC.

The MLA's stance on footpath clearance was revisited during the meeting. He indicated a shift in his stance and explained that, except for areas near Chikkagadiyara, there would be no provisions for street vendors or footpath usage in the city. Acknowledging the challenges of taking a principled stand, especially concerning the potential loss of votes.

Ward Committees

The concept of Ward Committees was discussed, with participants explaining its importance and the High Court's directive for MCC to establish them. Despite his initial unfamiliarity with Ward Committees, the MLA pledged to discuss the matter with the MCC Commissioner to expedite their formation.

The MLA shared positive news about Kukkarahalli Lake, mentioning the urgent need to save it. A proposal for Rs. 60 lakh for a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been made, with funds possibly coming from the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). A meeting with the MGP was planned to address the Lake's conservation.

The meeting witnessed participants sharing instances of park encroachments across the city, underscoring the need for comprehensive action. The topic of religious structures being constructed in parks was mentioned but not further pressed due to potential complexities.

The MLA expressed a desire to continue such meetings every two to three months, fostering a spirit of democracy where elected representatives are accountable to the people they serve.

MGP's Bhamy V. Shenoy, Prabha Nandeesh, Velumani, Venkatesh, Shankar, Arun Kumar Shettar, Kiran, Shobhana Sambashiva, Raghavendra, Harish and others were present.

Pro- Kannada activists petition City Police Chief with woes

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (GA&TRR)- Activists of Nagarika Hitarakshana Vedike, a pro-Kannada organisation met City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh on Sept. 21 and submitted a memorandum to address parking woes on prominent city roads, menace of drunkards at parks and transgenders at traffic signals in city.

The traders having shops on Devaraj Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road and Ashoka Road in city park their cars from 10 am to 9 pm, leaving no space for the public to park their cars, thus aggravating the parking issue, Vedike members said.

During evening hours, the menace of drunkards and drug addicts are on the rise at parks. They resort to eve teasing and abuse women, following which women are scared to go for evening walks.

The incidents of blackmailing boys and girls and who spend time at parks and extorting money from them have become common, they alleged.

Though Police patrolling vehicles are on the move, the miscreants indulge in such activities, once the Police go out of sight. Such issues are increasing in many parks across the city, Vedike members alleged.

Also, transgenders trouble public waiting in cars and scooters at a few traffic signals in city and motorists are abused by them if they are not given money, the activists said urging the Police Commissioner to come to the rescue of public.

Nagarika Hitarakshana Vedike President Manjunath (Milk Manju), General Secretary V. Giridhar, Secretary Manjunath, Vedike mentor Mohnankumar, Kurubarahalli Prakash, Yogesh, Advocate Shivaraj, Sundar and Rangappa Gowda were present.

Shops, commercial outlets must register under Act-1961

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (BS)- All shops and commercial establishments in the district have to compulsorily register under Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act-1961.

Apart from those who have registered, the owners and entrepreneurs of remaining shops and commercial establishments have to file application online on the website *https://www.ekarmika.karnataka.gov.in/ekarmika/Static/Home.aspx* by paying the prescribed fee. The failure to register will be legally dealt as per the rules.

For details, consult the respective Senior Labour Inspectors' Offices — Circle Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4and Labour Inspectors Offices in Nanjangud, Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, T. Narasipur and H.D. Kote, according to a press release.

Rotary Mysore-*Star of Mysore* Dasara Quiz Contest

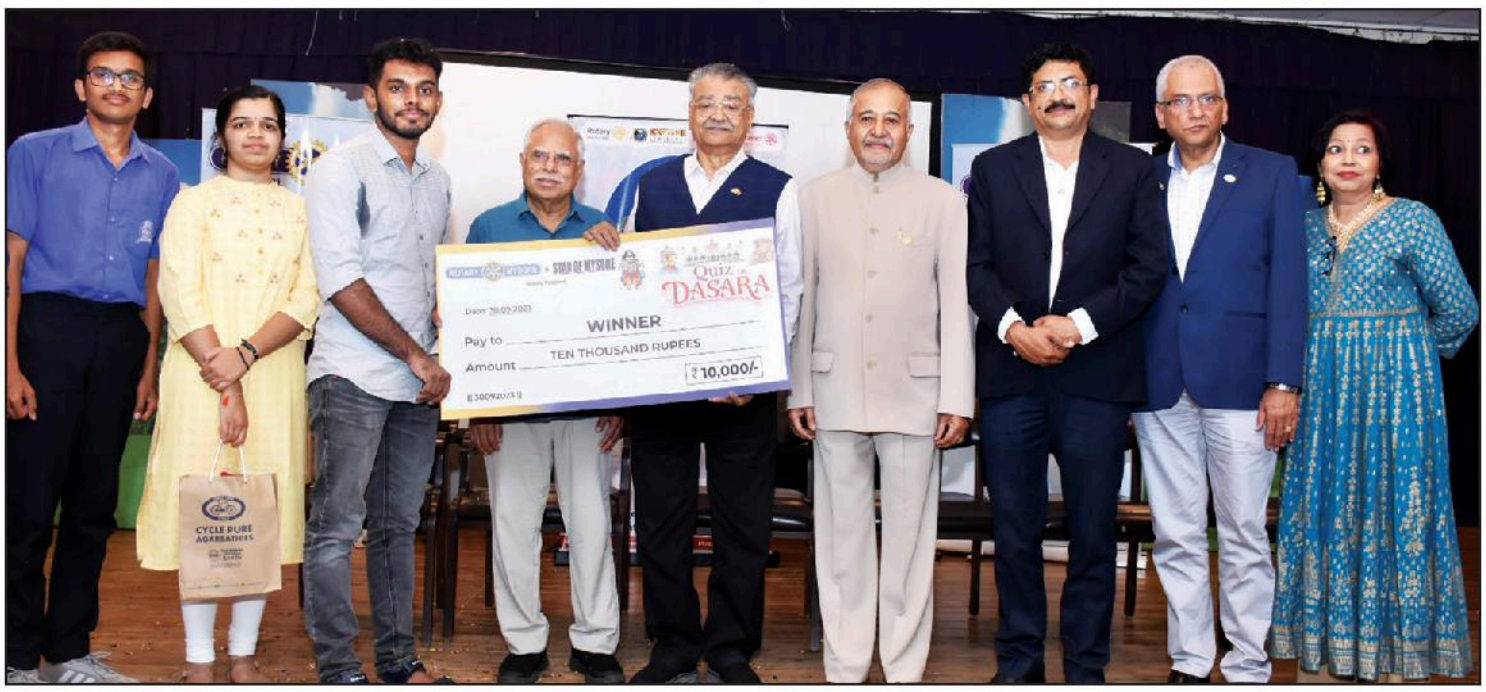
P. Ayush of NIE, Mysuru, wins first prize

Hard work is the key to success, says former VC of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. K.C. Belliappa

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (PM&BS)- P. Ayush a student of National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, won first prize in the Dasara Quiz contest organised by Rotary Mysore and *Star of Mysore* at Phoenix International Academy (Rotary High School) on KRS Road in the city last evening.

Ayush, who finished first, won a cash prize of Rs. 10,000, while B. Vyshali Shenoy, also of NIE, who won second prize, got a cash prize of Rs. 7,000 and S. Kiran Kumar of Jnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram, won third prize, winning cash prize of Rs. 5,000. Consolation prize of Rs. 1,000 was bagged by P.B. Shruthi of Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), Dhyan Sri Sai of Kendriya Vidyalaya and S. Shashank of NIE.

Rotary Mysore and *Star of Mysore* had jointly organised the quiz for PUC and Degree students on ***'Mysuru Dasara and Navarathri celebrations'.*** Six contestants in the final round vied with each other, showing their prowess in intelligence.



P. Ayush** (third from left) **of NIE, receiving the first prize in Dasara Quiz Contest, organised by Rotary Mysore and** Star of Mysore, **from** Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra **Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy at Phoenix International Academy in city last evening, as** (from left) **S. Kiran Kumar - third prize winner**, **B. Vyshali Shenoy - second prize winner**, **industrialist R. Guru, former Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.C. Belliappa, Rotary District-318 District Governor H.R. Keshav, Rotary Mysore President Arun Belawadi and Vice-President Roopa Venkatesh look on.

A total of 300 students had taken part in the first round of the quiz held online, while 110 among them were selected to the second round. Six among total 60 were selected for the final round. The competition was conducted in the online mode except for the final round.

Questions of final round

Some questions were as follows — Which elephant carried Golden Howdah in Mysuru Dasara for most years? The answer is 'Drona'. Who penned *Kayo Shri Gowri...* the State Anthem of erstwhile Mysore province? The answer is — Basavappa Shastry. Who was the last Maharaja of Mysore to go on Golden Howdah during *Jumboo Savari?* The answer is — Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. What's the name of the book authored by Krishnadevaraya? The answer is — *Amuktamalyada.* Who founded Vijayanagar kingdom? The answer is — Harihara and Bukka. Likewise, the questions were shot up in six rounds and the contestants were eager to outsmart each other.

KBG says...

Earlier, participating in the inaugural session of final round of the quiz, K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* newspapers, said: "The quiz contest was organised for consecutive four to five years during 80's, by *Star of Mysore* to encourage the students to broaden their general knowledge and also to promote the circulation of *Star of Mysore* in its initial years. I am reliving the memory now. Hence, I readily gave my consent to organise the contest."

Competitive era

Prof. K.C. Belliappa, former Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, said: "We are in a competitive era, with everybody working to beat each other in the race. Even amid those obsessed with cell phones, there are youngsters having a penchant for reading. According to noted philosopher of 17th century Francis Bacon 'Reading makes a complete man.' Hence, we should understand the importance of the reading habit."

The key to success is hard work and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa stands as a shining example for us to follow, said Prof. Belliappa.

President of Rotary Mysore Arun Belawadi presided over the programme.

Industrialist R. Guru, Rotary District 3181 Governor H.R. Keshav, Academy Newspapers Private Limited Executive Director Ralie Ganapathy, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Managing Editor K.G. Vikram Muthanna, Editor M. Govinde Gowda, Rotary Mysore Vice-President Roopa Venkatesh and Member Nanjaraje Urs were present on the occasion.

City-based DFRL develops biodegradable water bottles

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (BCT)- In a significant step towards environmental sustainability and addressing the issue of plastic pollution, Mysuru-based Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), affiliated with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has introduced eco-friendly biodegradable water bottles.

These sustainable water bottles are crafted from Polylactic acid (PLA)-based material, not only addressing the pressing problem of plastic waste but also contributing to a reduction in the overall carbon footprint. What sets them apart is their biodegradability, offering a promising solution to the ever-growing issue of plastic pollution.

Minister of State for Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt** (centre) **launching eco-friendly water bottles as other guests look on.

Minister of State for Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt launched these eco-friendly water bottles during the two-day National Conference on Millets for Military Ration and Specific Nutritional Requirements, organised by DFRL at the SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD). The conference was held from Sept. 29.

Senior officers of Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces, DRDO scientists, Academia and Industry partners participated in the conference deliberated on scientific facts and other related issues for the adoption of millets-based food for the services.

DRDO Chairman Samir V. Kamat, Director General (Life Sciences) U.K. Singh, DFRL Director Dr. Anil Dutt Semwal, 'Millet Man of India' and *Padma Shri* recipient Khadar Valli Dudekula and officers from the Indian Armed Forces were present.

According to DFRL, these PLA water bottles comply with ISO 17088-2021 and IS 17899 T: 2022 Standards, ensuring their compostability. Moreover, they are deemed safe for food and beverage contact applications, making them a reliable and sustainable choice.

Remarkably, it's not just the bottle itself that is eco-friendly; even the bottle cap and label are compostable, underscoring a holistic approach to sustainability.

DFRL said that these transparent and durable water bottles possess similar strength to traditional PET bottles. What distinguishes them is their origin — they are derived entirely from 100 percent bio-based and renewable sources. This innovation promotes sustainability by reducing reliance on non-renewable resources.

In a collaborative effort with Konkan Speciality Polyproducts Private Limited in Mangaluru, DFRL has successfully developed these PLA bottles, specifically designed for containing 250 ml of potable water. Their manufacturing process employs injection blow-moulding techniques, ensuring quality and consistency.

Swachhata Hi Seva, Swachh Bharat Mission

City Income Tax Department Initiative

As part of the PMO initiative from Government of India, Income Tax Department, Mysuru, along with Rotary Ivory City and Interact Club of ACME School, cleaned the Parking Grounds at the Mysore Palace premises this morning. K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor of** Star of Mysore**, inaugurated the programme. Seen in picture are K.B. Ganapathy; Satish Meriga, Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals); T.H. Sanjay Urs, President, Rotary Ivory City Mysuru; Sangeetha Acanthus, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax; Ramesh Kumar Jha, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax; M.H. Hussain, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax; M.S. Ravikiran, Income Tax Officer; Niranjan, Income Tax Officer; Rotarians of Ivory City Mysuru and Interact Club Members of ACME School.

Residents join hands in cleaning Thippayyanakere surroundings

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (MTY&BCT)- As part of the 'Swachhata Shramdaan' initiative, a mass cleanliness campaign was organised this morning at Police Layout, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar and the Thippayyanakere surroundings. The campaign is part of the 'Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' cleanliness drive, aimed at promoting cleanliness and hygiene.

Before commencing the cleanliness drive, awareness sessions were conducted to highlight the importance of cleanliness for homes, the environment and the nation as a whole. Participants pledged to make cleanliness a constant practice in their lives.

Thippayyanakere, one of the largest lakes in Mysuru, is in need of concerted efforts for its preservation. While the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) have the authority to protect it, the active involvement of local residents is crucial for its upkeep. Fostering a sense of responsibility among citizens is essential to ensure the well-being of the Lake.

The cleanliness drive, which began at 8 am, was inaugurated by Zoo Executive Director Mahesh Kumar. Also present were Rammanahalli Town Panchayat Executive Officer Narasimhamurthy, Deputy Health Officer Channanayaka, President of Samana Manaskara Vedike Thomas, and local residents Manukumar, Manasa, Mohankumar, Shivaswamy, Leela Shivakumar, B.L. Tripurantaka and Mohanrao. More than 80 residents, Pourakarmikas and other volunteers participated in the cleaning drive.

The entire locality and the surroundings of Thippayyanakere were cleaned and overgrown bushes along the roadside were trimmed. Pathways were cleared using earth-moving equipment.

Local residents expressed their concerns about the continuous inflow of sewage water into the Lake and called for immediate action to safeguard this precious natural resource. The event underscores the importance of community involvement in maintaining cleanliness and preserving the environment.

Cleanliness drive

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At City Railway Station

In Mysuru, the main events were held at the City Railway Station, K.R. Hospital, Mysuru Law Courts Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard and at the Law Courts Complex at Jayanagar and at Bharath Earth Movers Limited (BEML) Campus.

In addition, various Residents Welfare Associations too joined the 'Shramdaan' to keep their surroundings clean.

At the Railway Station, the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign was led by South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager Shilpi Agarwal alongside other senior officers.

Over 300 staff from the Division and more than 100 volunteers from Brahma Kumaris and other organisations, actively participated.

The cleaning staff ensured visible and tangible improvements in cleanliness at all premises, including the Railway Station, trains, offices, colonies, depots, hospitals, etc. Special attention was also given to cleaning of tracks, station premises, etc.

At Courts Complex, K.R. Hospital, BEML

At the Mysuru Law Courts Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard, First Additional District and Sessions Judge D. Puttaswamy launched the campaign where over 200 staff and advocates participated.

At the Jayanagar Law Courts Complex, Principal Family Court Judge Vela Damodar Khoday launched the drive.

Sweets and breakfast were served to Pourakarmikas and all participants.

At the BEML factory, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane inaugurated a mechanised cleaning initiative.

In addition, a tree plantation drive was conducted. Employees presented a Swachhata skit. A team of doctors, nurses and Group D workers carried out the cleaning campaign at the K.R. Hospital under the leadership of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani.

The Swachh Bharat Mission, a flagship project of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, launched the SHS-2023 programme was conducted from Sept. 15 to Oct. 2.

The central theme of SHS-2023 is to strive for a 'Garbage-Free India' by emphasising visible, high-level cleanliness through collective effort and community involvement.

Vande Bharat train cleaned within 14 minutes today in city

Initiative launched at Mysuru City Railway Station; Inspired by Japan's renowned '7-minute miracle'

Cleaning staff await the arrival of the Vande Bharat Express at the City Railway Station. Picture right shows coaches and seats being cleaned by uniformed staff.

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (GA&BCT)- The '14-minute miracle,' a new initiative to reduce the cleaning time of Vande Bharat Express trains from 45 minutes to just 14 minutes, was officially launched today at the Mysuru City Railway Station at 12 noon. The cleaning began as soon as the train arrived at 12.05 pm and after the passengers alighted.

Remarkably, this achievement was accomplished manually by drawing inspiration from Japan's bullet trains, which are cleaned in a mere seven minutes. 40 cleaning staff were on the job today and they finished cleaning the train's inside and outside glasses in 13 minutes, 53 seconds. Three persons were allotted per bogie, including the washrooms.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the scheme as part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign at the Delhi Cantonment Railway Station and simultaneously in over 29 Vande Bharat trains, making it a daily routine. In Mysuru, Divisional Railway Manager Shilpi Agarwal, along with other senior officers, launched the cleaning system.

A notable aspect of the event was the staff donning clean uniforms with '14 Minutes Miracle' embroidered on them. The demonstration showcased the cleaning process using tools and equipment while adhering to strict hygiene measures. Cleaning staff has received training for over a month and held multiple mock drills.

The '14 Minutes Miracle' scheme aims to optimise the cleaning process of Vande Bharat trains upon their arrival at different terminals. This innovative approach, developed by Indian Railways, ensures a thorough cleaning is completed in just 14 minutes. It reflects Indian Railways' commitment to efficiency, cleanliness, and passenger satisfaction, a note from the South Western Railway said.

According to officials, the goal of this initiative is to streamline and enhance the cleaning process of Vande Bharat Express trains to increase efficiency and ensure that the trains are ready for their next journey in record time.

Currently, it takes approximately 45 minutes to clean a Vande Bharat train. The new approach involves three cleaning staff per coach working in perfect synchronisation to complete the cleaning in just 14 minutes, eliminating any duplication of effort and achieving 100 percent efficiency.

Indian Railways is committed to continually improving and meeting global standards, drawing inspiration from exceptional practices followed internationally. Japan's renowned '7-minute miracle' for cleaning bullet trains, famous for its punctual train services, serves as a model for this endeavour. The '14-minute miracle' for Vande Bharat trains is inspired by the Shinkansen cleaning method in Japan, aiming to enhance the efficiency and cleanliness of India's rail services.

UoM students design gazebo from waste

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (SBD&BS)- Students of School of Planning and Architecture, University of Mysore (UoM) have designed a gazebo, using waste and recyclable articles, for the benefit of the people, thus grabbing the eyeballs of many.

A team of 25 students guided by their Professors, took 10 days to design the gazebo including the pavement with a seating capacity for six people, all using tyres, plastic, brick wastes and other articles, in view of the 66th Annual National Design Competition, organised by the National Association of Students of Architecture (NASA), on the theme-Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

DC, City Police Commr. made Hon. Members of Mysore Sailing Club

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra and City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth have been inducted as Hon. Members of Royal Mysore Sailing Club.

Dr. K.V. Rajendra Ramesh Banoth

The DC and the City Top Cop were given membership certificate after induction at a function held at Royal Mysore Sailing Club in KRS this afternoon in the presence of Club's Commodore Ram Ajay Kumar Singh and others.

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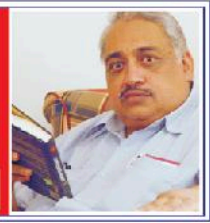

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Elephantine problems and asinine solutions!

It is now a very well-established fact that the nearly two-decade-old man-animal conflict in areas bordering our forests is not showing any signs of being resolved, with any degree of success.

Day in and day out, we keep reading reports about these confrontations and just two days ago there was a report in *Star of Mysore* about a herd of twenty-seven wild elephants having been driven out of coffee growing territory in Kodagu, by estate workers. And in the very recent past too we have read some very distressing reports of people who have been killed by wild elephants and tigers, as they went about their daily lives.

While herbivorous wild animals like elephants and bisons and carnivorous ones like tigers and leopards cannot be made to understand why they are not welcome in human inhabited areas, humans too seem to have ill understood why they are intruding into areas where they are not welcome. Among their other basic instincts, the most powerful one that drives wild animals to undertake excursions to areas outside their natural habitat, are plain hunger and thirst and their quest for food and water to quench them. There is nothing surprising or unnatural about this.

But it is a different matter that in the case of human beings, many other considerations, like the greed to acquire wealth and power, are undoubtedly the more powerful urges that lead us to do many of the shameful things that we do, as the self-appointed and sole owners of this world. That is why, we have been seeing and are still seeing all the injustice, warfare, bloodshed and misery that we have been inflicting upon ourselves over the centuries, in our unabashed effort to satisfy our baser instincts and pursuits.

While we as human beings, supposedly endowed with the highest levels of intelligence, never take note of how errant our own behaviour is and do nothing to correct it to make our lives more livable, we expect animals to mend theirs!

The key to setting right the present problem seems to lie in replenishing food and water sources for wild animals, right inside their natural habitats.

That is why we make a big hue and cry over how our lives are being tormented and our livelihood is being disturbed, by the activities of animals with whom we share our living spaces. But sadly, none of us including our so-called experts in wildlife management, seem to have understood why this man-animal conflict continues to torment us. Various theories keep getting propounded from various quarters, both qualified and unqualified, but they all have proved to only be absurd because we do not seem to be making any progress in solving the problem. Some of these theories seem very comical too.

Very recently, some expert has announced that it is the excessive proliferation of the weed, **Lantana camara** that is responsible for driving animals out of our forests. Lantana, originally a native of Central and South America, has been the commonest and most abundant wild shrub, that we see all around us. Little has our expert understood that humble Lantana has been peacefully sharing its living space with every one of our wild animals, over two centuries, ever since it was brought to India by the British.

In fact, what we are now blaming as the culprit, has been providing a roosting place for many of our birds, reptiles and smaller mammals which abound in our forests today.

For the denizens of the forests, because it is plain hunger and thirst that forces them to step outside their natural habitat, addressing this need is logically the most sensible solution. What our forests hold now, by way of food or tranquil living space, clearly seems to be inadequate to give their inhabitants what they need.

That is why they are being forced to seek these two bare necessities outside where they once used to. Talking of food first, our so-called forests, though lush and green in appearance, do not seem to be having sufficient vegetation of the kind that gives sustenance to animals like elephants and bisons, which have massive appetites. This deficiency is thanks to our nearly century-old practice of encouraging monoculture by planting timber yielding trees like teak that provide no nourishment to wildlife.

A drive through any of our wildlife sanctuaries will make us understand how rampant this practice is. You'll hardly find any other kinds of trees, especially the ones that provide fruits or berries or low-level foliage that animals can relish. The bamboo too, a favourite of foraging herds of elephants, that once used to be abundant, has almost done the disappearing act. This is because of the natural life cycle of the plant that makes it die every twelve years or so, which it has been doing over the last few years. But we do not seem to be doing enough to replenish it.

In comparison to what our forests hold today by way of food, coffee estates that border them seem like virtual Edens to hungry animals. This is because they hold plenty of fruit trees like orange, arecanut, jackfruit, jamun, wild figs, banana and the Malanad toddy palm (Caryota urens), all of which are the hot favourites of hungry jumbos!

Once animals like the elephants and bisons taste these treats, all other fodder found in the forests naturally seems very insipid and tasteless. So the key to setting right the present problem seems to lie in replenishing food and water sources for wild animals, right inside their natural habitats.

Carnivorous animals like tigers and leopards too come into the news from time to time, for making the lives of humans difficult and dangerous. And this is despite the fact that there's no dearth of food for them in our forests.

The reason for this confrontation seems to be the encroachment made by us with our agricultural activities, into what were once the buffer zones between their territory and ours.

It is important to understand that it is not enough for these animals to just have their living space. Because they are very apprehensive of human presence, they also need to have clear stretches of what can be called no-man's land between their land and ours.

These are a few of the points that we all seem to be missing when we complain of being put to much inconvenience and peril by the ongoing man-animal conflict. That is why we have not been able to do anything significant in resolving it despite spending huge amounts of money over it.

Just recently there was a statement from our Chief Minister that we need to spend another rupees three hundred crores over this effort, before we can see some much-needed results. **But in my opinion, unless we get to understand the etiology of the problem, this too will go down the drain and only turn out to be money ill-spent!**

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Nigeria Ambassador visiting Suyog Hospital

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Nigeria Ambassador in India Ahmed Sule is visiting Suyog Hospital in city on Oct.2 at 12 noon to discuss about treating Nigeria patients of Cardiac, Neurological, Joint, Cancer and Renal problems at the Hospital.

Ahmed Sule

He will also participate as chief guest during Gandhi Jayanthi celebration on the same day. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Dr. S. Shivarajappa of Gandhi Prathistana and Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Chairman of Suyog Hospital will be present on the occasion.

Elected to FKCCI

Lingaraju

Ganesh

Mysuru, Oct. 1- K.B. Lingaraju, President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), has been elected to the Managing Committee of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Bengaluru, at the elections held on Sept. 27.

He was elected under the District Chamber of Commerce and Industry Category for the year 2023-2024.

C.K. Ganesh, Managing Committee Member and APMC Merchant, Mysuru, too has been elected to FKCCI Managing Committee under the Small Trade Sector Category.

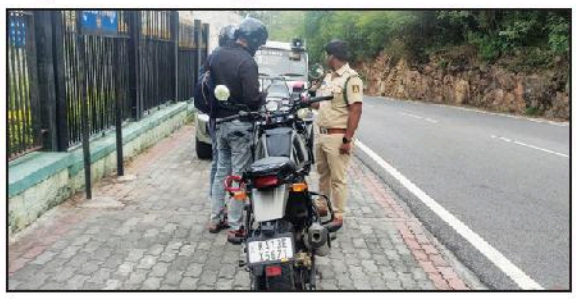
Geetha Jnaana Yagna discourse in Kannada

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru, has organised 'Geetha Jnaana Yagna,' a seven day discourse in Kannada, on Srimad Bhagavadgeetha's 5th Chapter "Karmasanyaasa Yoga" by **Swami Dattapadanandaji** from Oct. 6 (Friday) to Oct.12 (Thursday) between 6.30 pm and 8 pm at Sri Ramakshetra, 5th Main, Sarvajanika Hostel Road, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru. From Oct.7 daily from 6 pm to 6.30 pm, there will be chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaama stotram.

Swami Dattapadanandaji is well-known to the spiritual seekers of Mysuru. He has served as resident Acharya of Mysuru Chinmaya Mission and at present is the resident Acharya of the Mission at Chokkahalli. In his discourses, he draws knowledge from various sources, both in Hindi and Kannada, interspersed with anecdotes.

Making Chamundi Hill a litter-free zone

Forest officers collect Rs. 66,500 penalty from violators in 24 days



Mysuru, Oct. 1 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department's efforts to impose penalties for littering and waste dumping on Chamundi Hill are yielding positive results, with the Department collecting Rs. 66,500 from Sept. 6 to Sept. 29 — 24 days.

In August this year, the Department issued a notification announcing a ban on littering and implementing various restrictions atop Chamundi Hill starting from Sept. 1. These measures are in accordance with Sections 76 and 99(1) of the Karnataka Forest Act 1963 and Karnataka Forest Rules 1969.

From Sept. 1 to Sept. 5, individuals violating these regulations were issued warnings and penalties were not imposed during this period. The enforcement of penalties began on Sept. 6. To oversee compliance with the ban, Department Officers and staff patrol the area in vehicles, monitoring devotees visiting Chamundeshwari Temple and vendors of puja items who previously used plastic carry bags.

In the initial days, 134 'Zero Fine' receipts were issued to offenders, along with pamphlets detailing the violations and associated fines. Notable collections include Rs. 500 from one individual who improperly disposed food packets, snacks and plastic waste and Rs. 37,000 was collected from 37 vehicles that had parked in No Parking Zones.

The Department also received Rs. 29,000 from 58 individuals who trespassed into the protected forest area, resulting in a total revenue of Rs. 66,500 from 230 offences, including 134 'Zero Fine' cases. Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Mysuru Circle Dr. K.N. Basavaraju told *Star of Mysore* that their intention is to create awareness on protecting a fragile environment and Mysuru's natural bounty.

Fines and penalties

Trespassing into Chamundi Hill Reserve Forest: Rs. 500; Haphazard parking on Hill Road: Rs. 1,000; Disposing food packets, plastic covers, water bottles on Hill Road: Rs. 500; Shopkeepers selling plastic covers on the Hill: Rs. 2,500 for the first offence, Rs. 5,000 for the second offence and Rs. 15,000 for the third offence, with a recommendation to suspend the trade licence; Outsiders (non-residents) entering the Hill between 10 pm and 6 am: Rs. 2,500; Individuals caught with liquor and cigarettes: Rs. 5,000.

The regulation follows the order of National Green Tribunal State Committee Chairman Justice Subhash B. Adi during his meeting in city on July 14, 2023, to make Chamundi Hill totally plastic-free by Dasara.

Chamundi Hill is a reserved forest and a crucial part of Mysuru's green belt, designated as an eco-sensitive zone with delicate biodiversity. The Forest Department has taken proactive measures to uphold environmental laws and plans to rigorously enforce these rules as thousands of devotees are expected to visit Chamundi Hill during the upcoming Dasara festivities.

Shopkeepers and kiosk owners have been provided with informational brochures and leaflets outlining the do's and don'ts on Chamundi Hill. Leaflets have also been distributed to the general public and devotees who visit the hilltop. In addition, prominent display boards have been installed to raise awareness among visitors.

Three meet watery grave near Saragur

Saragur, Oct. 1- A man and his wife, who jumped into a canal to save their drowning daughter, who had slipped into a canal were drowned along with their daughter. The incident took place at Changodanahalli village yesterday.

The deceased are Shahira Bhanu (18), Shawara Bhanu (35) and Mohammed Kapeel (42).

The three had come to attend the last rites of a relative at Saragur and after the rituals, they went to the canal to wash their hands and legs when Shahira accidentally slipped into the canal. Shawara, who first jumped into the canal to rescue her daughter, got drowned and later, Mohammed, who jumped into the waters to recue both of them also got drowned.

The victims are natives of Changodanahalli village, who were residing in Bengaluru, it is learnt. Saragur Police, who visited the spot, summoned expert swimmers and divers, who have fished out the bodies of two persons and are searching for the other body.

Post-mortem was conducted at Saragur Government Hospital. Saragur Police have registered a case.

Youth nabs chain snatcher in Vijayanagar

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (SBD&KS)- A chain snatcher, who was fleeing with a gold chain he had snatched from a woman was caught by a youth in Vijayanagar yesterday evening.

The woman, along with her child was standing near a two-wheeler, next to SBI Bank at Sangam Circle in Vijayanagar 3rd stage, when the chain snatcher yanked off her gold chain and fled from the spot.

A youth, who was passing by, heard the screams of the woman, rushed to her help, chased the chain snatcher and caught him. When the chain snatcher tried to escape, Jayalakshmipuram Police, comprising Inspector Kumar and staff Devaraj, Bharat and the driver, who were coming from Vijayashreepura side, took custody of the chain snatcher. As the incident took place in Vijayanagar Police limits, they handed him over to the jurisdictional Vijayanagar Police.

It is learnt the chain snatcher, at about 7 pm, who had parked his bike on the adjacent road, was pretending to be walking and waiting to snatch chain from those lonely women going for a walk. When he saw the woman with a child standing alone, he yanked off the 40-gram gold chain of the woman and tried to flee to the adjacent road where he had parked his bike but was caught.

Vijayanagar Police are interrogating the accused.

Bike rally to celebrate

Yuva Dasara, Yuva Sambhrama held

Mysuru, Oct. 1 - A bike rally to celebrate Yuva Dasara and Yuva Sambhrama was held in city this morning.

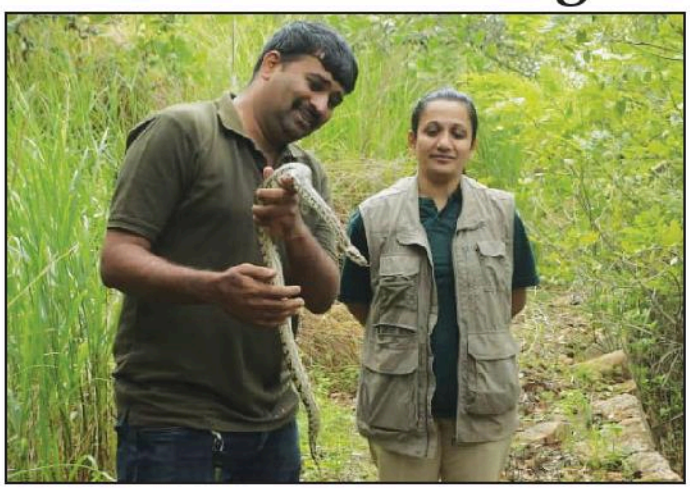
The rally, comprising youths from Mysuru, Bengaluru and Kodagu on Harley Davidson and other super-bikes was flagged off atop Chamundi Hill by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra in the presence of former MLA M.K. Somashekar, Dr. Shusrutha Gowda and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shusrutha said "Community harmony and tradition were important in present times. Our culture, art and music are represented at Dasara in a grand manner. But due to drought-like situation prevailing in the State because of less rains, Dasara is being celebrated traditionally and in a simple manner this year and let us pray for good rains in the coming days."

The bikers, who traversed on various city roads culminated the rally in front of Mysore Palace.

Businessmen J. Tirumalesh, Karunakar, Girish R. Gowda and others were present.

Juvenile python rescued in Muneshwaranagar



Mysuru, Oct. 1 (KS)- A juvenile Indian Rock Python has been rescued by Snake Shivu at Muneshwaranagar in city last night.

Residents, who spotted the Python, mistook it for a Viper and informed Shivu. He rushed to the spot and confirmed it to be Indian Rock Python aged about three and a half years.

He also informed Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Lakshmikantha, who asked Shivu to rescue the reptile. Shivu said that "Indian Rock Pythons are usually found in Western Ghats area. While in Mysuru, five to six Pythons are rescued in a year, usually during rainy seasons as these snakes are swept away in water from the Western Ghats."

The snake was released into its habitat in the presence of Range Forest Officer (RFO) Dhanyashree this morning.

EVENTS TODAY (OCTOBER 1)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 19th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom, Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** Special Handloom Expo Samskruthi-Hathkargha-2023, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Book release — 'Bhava Sangama Suvarna Sambhrama,' a collection of letters of poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar and Dr. H.B. Rajashekar — by senior littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, poet Dr. Jayappa Honnali speaks about the book, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Dr. S. Shivarajappa and journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guests, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Hotel President, near Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle (formerly Hardinge Circle), **5 pm.**
- **Programme:** Guruvandana to Guru Vid. Belakavadi R. Sridhar and Music Programme, Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. Belakavadi R. Sridhar, accompanied by Vidu. Shweta Raghunandan (vocal), Vid. Jyothi Chethan (veena), Vid. G.S. Ramanujam (mridanga) and Vid. M.R. Divakar (ghata); Stage programme - Sangeetha Vidyanidhi V. Nanjundaswamy and Vidu. G. Rajalakshmi Sridhar chief guests, Guruvandane to Guru Vid. Belakavadi R. Sridhar, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Secretary KSN Prasad presides, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti (Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt):** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 11' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Dakshina Kannada Doctors' Cultural Association, Mysuru:** Yakshagana 'Sri Devi Mahatme' by Yaksha Kalavidara Samagama, Dakshina Kannada, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Music programme, Nadaswara recital by

Vid. R. Rangaswamy, accompanied by **Vid. M.S. Anand** on nadaswara, **Vid. R. Nagesh** and **Vid. C.S. Nagesh** on dholu, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

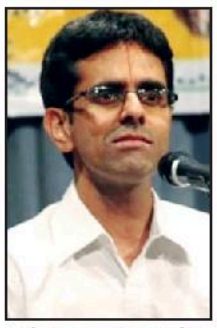
- **Kalasuruchi:** Staging of play 'Neralu,' written by Ramachandra Sharma and directed by N. Dhananjaya, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' directed by Prashanth Hiremath, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 94488-71815]
- **Lions Club of Mysore Ambassadors:** Presentation of Ambassador Teacher and Ambassador Engineer Awards, Senior Environmental Officer Dr. B.M. Prakash and Biology Lecturer M.N. Gireesh chief guests, Ln. H.C. Kantharaju presides, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCTOBER 2)

- **District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Department of Information and Public Relations:** Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, offering of floral tribute to Gandhiji statue at Gandhi Square, **8 am;** Prayer Meet, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman and Mayor Shivakumar will be present, Town Hall, **8.30 am.**
- **Mahatma Gandhi Study Chair, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Manasagangothri:** 154th Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, garlanding the bust of Gandhiji, Gandhivana, KSOU premises, **9 am.**
- **Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Sri Hosmutt:** Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, World Non-Violence Day and All Religious Prayers and Cleaning Drive, Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Mayor Shivakumar chief guest, Corporator B.V. Manjunath will be present, in front of Sri Hosmutt, **9 am to 10 am;** Stage programme, Indian Air Force Air Commodore V. Ramesh (retd.) chief guest, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Sri Nataraja auditorium, **10.30 am.**
- **JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College and JSS PU College, B.N. Road:** 154th Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, lecture by writer Dr. Jayappa Honnali, JSS College Chief Executive Prof. B V Sambashivaiah presides, JSS Degree College Principal Dr. S. Pratibha, JSS PU College Principal S. Somashekar and National Festivals Committee Convenor Dr. L. Vinay Kumar will be present, College premises, **10 am.**
- **Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Old Age Home built by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), former Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra chief guest, Vijayanagar Corporator M.U. Subbaiah guest of honour, Sangha President Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah presides, Sangha Vice-President Kollira Bollamma (Shanthi) Kuttappa; Hon. Secretary Chendanda Nirmala Subramani; Treasurer Machimanda Geetha Karumbaiah; Organising Secretaries Thambanda Neena Devaiah and Ajjikuttira Diana Poovaiah; Joint Secretaries Padeyanda Sumi Gopal and Ittira Jyothi Kashiappa, Sangha Members and former Sangha Presidents Balliyamanda Sarasu Nanaiah; Balladichanda Jerry Ponnappa and Moovera Bollamma Kuttappa, will be present, Shakthi Layout, Lingambudhi Palya, **10 am.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 19th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri and Jnanadeepa First Grade College, Gangothri Layout:** Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, World Non-Violence Day and Special Lecture on 'Gandhiji Kanasina Bharata,' Freedom Fighter Dr. M. Somashekaraiah inaugurates, University of Mysore VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath presides, special lecture by History Professor Dr. B.P. Indira, Gandhi Bhavan Director Prof. S. Narendra Kumar delivers keynote address, Jnanadeepa First Grade College Treasurer N. Santhosh Kumar and Principal C.R. Siddhalingaswamy will be present, Gandhi Bhavan, **10.30 am.**
- **Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom, Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** Special Handloom Expo Samskruthi-Hathkargha-2023, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Maruti Prakashana, Nidaghatta, Muktaka Kavi Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Senior Citizens Day Care Centre, Mysuru:** Releasing of book 'Janapada Ganga' authored by writer N.K Cha Nidaghatta (N.L. Channappa); Retd. Education Department Official N. Ramaiah releases the book, senior citizen Siddaramappa inaugurates the event, Senior Citizens Day Care Centre President M.P. Prabhuswamy presides, Muktaka Kavi Parishat President M. Muttuswamy chief guest, Senior Citizens Day Care Centre, Nimishamba Layout, near Namana Park, Kuvempunagar, **11 am.**
- **Suyog Hospital:** Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, Ambassador Ahmed Sule, High Commissioner of Nigeria to India, chief guest; Dr. D. Thimmaiah, MLC and Dr. Shivarajappa, Gandhi Pratishtana, guests of honour; Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Chairman, Suyog Hospital, presides, Hospital premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **12 noon.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 29th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival and Kalemane Kalashree Award Ceremony, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda guest of honour, 'Kalemane Kalashree Award' recipients are Guru Vidwan G.B. Janardhana, Founder and Director, Natyatharanga, Sagara, Guru Vidwan C.R. Shivaprakash & Guru Vidushi Dr. Nandini Sivaprakash, Founders, Sri Anjana Nritya Kala Kendra, Chitradurga and Guru Vidwan G.S. Nagesh & Guru Vidushi Dr. Sriranjitha, Sree Natya Bharathi Trust; Performance and Lec-Dem by students of KPAC, Mysuru and disciples of Guru Karnataka Kalashree Prof. Dr. K. Kumar, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti (Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt):** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 11' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Devagitam Charitable Trust, Jayanagar, Mysuru:** 12th Anniversary celebrations, grand flute recital by Vid. A. Chandan Kumar, accompanied by Vidu. H.M. Smitha on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudeendra on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** Gana Visharada Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Memorial Music Concert, Aditya Hospital Managing Trustee Dr. N. Chandrashekar chief guest, Sri Krishna Ganasabha President B.S. Sridharraj Urs presides; Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. G.K. Manamohan, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. Anirudha S. Bhat on mridanga and Vid. S Manjunath on ghata, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Goruru' by Niranthara theatre troupe, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Vid. Manamohan to perform at Alwar Kalabhavan

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Vid. G.K. Manamohan will present a Karnatak Vocal Concert as part of Gana Visharada Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Memorial Music Concert organised by Sri Krishna Ganasabha at Alwar Kalabhavan in Gokulam 3rd Stage tomorrow (Oct. 2) at 6 pm.



Vid. G.K. Manamohan

He will be accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. Anirudha S. Bhat on mridanga and Vid. S Manjunath on ghata.

Aditya Hospital Managing Trustee Dr. N. Chandrashekar will be the chief guest. Sri Krishna Ganasabha President B.S. Sridharraj Urs will preside.

Artiste's Profile

At the age of five, Manamohan started learning Karnatak vocal under Vidu. H.N. Rajalakshmi (wife of renowned Violinist Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy) and pursued further under late Vidu. Vasanta Sundararajan and Vidu. Pushpa Srinivasan in Mysuru. He was featured in the music programmes of AIR Mysuru on numerous occasions since the age of seven. He won the first prize at National-level AIR Competition - Devotional category in 2002. He received CCRT National Scholarship (1992-2002) and Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy State Scholarship for Karnatak vocal. He was invited as the guest faculty at Meadows School of Arts - Music, Southern Methodist University - Dallas, during 2006/07.

He started performing full-fledged Karnatak vocal concerts at the age of thirteen and has performed in many renowned organisations and Sabhas in Karnataka and in the US and has received accolades from music connoisseurs and rasikas. He has composed and directed instrumental ensemble pieces that have been appreciated by a wide range of audiences.

He has a Bachelor's degree (BE) in Environmental Engineering and Master's degree (MS) in Environmental Science - Hazardous & Waste Materials Management. He served at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), as Environment Health & Safety Specialist for UCLA campus) for thirteen years and took an early voluntary retirement in 2020, before relocating back to Mysuru.

SPVGMC Trust thanks Artistes, Kalarasikas

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mahotsava Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust's 62nd year Ganesha Heritage Music Festival, which commenced on Sept. 18 successfully concluded yesterday (Sept. 30) with Vedic Scholars Challekere Brothers performing Ganapathi and Pavamana Homa.

C.R. Himamshu, Secretary, SPVGMC Trust, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, has in a press release, thanked the artistes who came all the way from various places and performed at the grand Ganesha Festival, without whom this Music Festival could not have been complete.

SPVGMC has expressed its gratitude to all the Kalarasikas, music-lovers, donors, patrons and each and everyone who helped directly and indirectly with their unconditional support in conducting the Festival smoothly without any hurdles.

Thanking the Police Department, CESC, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities and media persons for their support, the Trust has also thanked its patron Vasu, President Jagannath Shenoy and all other Trustees for their valuable support in completing the Heritage Music Festival.

Vid. Bharat Sundar presenting a Vocal Concert at 8th Cross Ganesha Pandal, V.V. Mohalla, on Sept. 29 as part of the 62nd Heritage Music Festival organised by SPVGMC Trust, Mysuru. He was accompanied by Vid. Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman on mridanga, Vid. Karthik on ghata and Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin.

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Fukrey 3 (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.05 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
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Chandramukhi 2 (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Iraivan (Ta)	:	12.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Thothapuri: Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.30 pm
The Creator (E)	:	12.55 pm
Skanda (Te)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Jawan (H)	:	10.30 pm

Asian Games 2023

Karnataka's Aditi Ashok wins historic silver in Golf for India

Indian shooters clinch gold and silver

Aditi Ashok

Hangzhou, Oct. 1- Karnataka's Golf star Aditi Ashok today bagged a historic Silver medal for India at the Asian Games 2023 after missing the Gold medal in Hangzhou.

Aditi finished the four-round event with a score of 17 under 271 to take the second prize. Thailand's Arpichaya Yubol leapfrogged the Indian to take the Gold medal home.

Aditi was in the Gold medal contention on the final day of the contest as she had a 22-under score after three rounds. She was seven shots clear of Yubol but had a poor day with 5 over on the final day. However, Aditi Ashok is the first Indian woman to win a medal in golf at the Asiad.

Asian Games - Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	115	70	36	221
2	Japan	29	38	39	106
3	Korea	29	31	56	116
4	India	11	16	14	41

(Till 1.30 pm on Oct. 1)

Indian shooters won two medals, clinching gold and silver in men's and women's trap events. The Indian men's team comprising of Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Tondaiman has claimed gold in the Trap event on Sunday, October 1 to continue India's fantastic run in shooting so far in the Asian Games 2023.

India were able to fend off competition from Kuwait and China to secure the top spot on the podium to take the tally in shooting to 21 medals with 7 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze. In addition to the gold medal win Chenai and Sandhu have also qualified for the individual final as well.

The Indian trio secured 361 points in total as compared to Kuwait's 352 and China's 346.

Earlier in the day, India had won the silver medal in the women's trap team event in shooting. The trio of Rajeshwari Kumari, Manisha Keer and Preeti Rajak finished second with 337 points, behind China.

So far (till 1.30 pm on Oct. 1), India stands 4th in the medal tally with 41 medals including 11 gold, 16 silver and 14 bronze.

Yesterday (Sept. 30), Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale won gold in the Mixed Doubles after winning the third set tie-breaker against Chinese Taipei to secure India's second medal in tennis after Ramkumar Ramanathan and Saketh Myneni's silver in Men's Doubles.

The Indian men's team beat Pakistan men's squash team event to give India its 10th gold in this Asian Games.

Sarabjot Singh and Divya Thadigol topped the qualification in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team but settled for a silver in the final, going down 14-16 to China.

In the men's 10000m, Kartik Kumar and Gulveer Singh won silver and bronze, respectively.

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Fukrey 3 (H)	(S-2)	9.20 am, 4.00 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
The Vaccine War (H)	(S-4)	12.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Skanda (Te)	(S-3)	3.20 pm; (S-4) 9.00 am
Jawan (H)	(S-2)	12.35 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm
Chandramukhi 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	12.35 pm; (S-3) 10.10 pm
Iraivan (Ta)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Pedakaapu -1 (Ta)	(S-3)	12.05 pm

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Chandramukhi 2 (Ta)	:	9.05 am, 4.00 pm
Baanadariyalli (K)	:	9.25 am, 12.40 pm, 7.15 pm
The Creator (E)	:	9.25 am, 7.00 pm
The Vaccine War (H)	:	9.25 am, 3.35 pm
Fukrey 3 (H)	:	12.25 pm, 3.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Skanda (Te)	:	12.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Thothapuri: Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.50 pm, 7.25 pm
Iraivan (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
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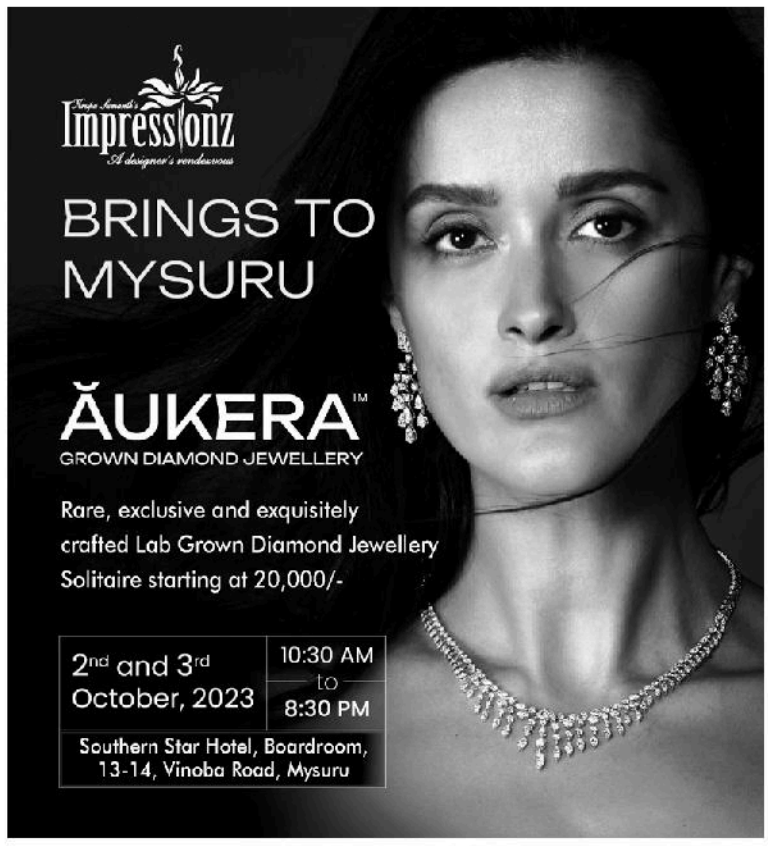
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